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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMENTS ON
CYPRUS PROGRESS

1. PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS CONCERNING THE CYPRUS SITUATION
MADE FEBRUARY 20 IN DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE WERE PICKED UP BY
TURKISH DAILIES FEBRUARY 21. COVERAGE WAS GENERALLY
STRAIGHTFORWARD AND IT FOCUSSED ON THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT
THAT HE WOULD "CONTINUE TO PUT PRESSURE ON ALL PARTIES TO GET
AN AGREEMENT."

2. THE ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT TO DATE IS IN THE FEBRUARY 23
EDITION OS CUMHURIYET. LEFTIST COLUMNIST ALI SIRMEN NOTED
THAT THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR
ON BOTH COUNTRIES, BUT THAT SO FAR THE UNITED STATES HAD
DIRECTED ITS EFFORTS AT TURKEY. SIRMEN DID NOT CONCENTRATE
HIS ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, HOWEVER, BUT USED
THEM TO CRITICIZE THE FOREIGN POLICY PERFORMANCE OF THE
DEMIREL GOVERNMENT.

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